

**Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 Cancelled

6. (New) A method for producing a casting, comprising the steps of:  
providing a molten bath consisting essentially of 3 to 20 mass % of Ag,  
0.5 to 1.5 mass % of Cr, 0.05 to 0.5 mass % of Zr and the balance being Cu and  
unavoidable impurities,  
rapidly cooling said molten bath to produce a formed article having a  
supersaturated solid solution containing a forced solid solution of Ag and Cr, and  
precipitation strengthening the formed article by aging at a temperature  
in the range of 450 to 500 °C.

7. (New) A method for producing a casting according to claim 1 wherein the molten  
bath is cooled to a temperature of 500 °C and at a rate of 1°/sec. after solidification.

8. (New) A method of producing a forging, comprising the steps of:  
providing a molten bath consisting essentially of 3 to 8.5% by mass Ag,  
0.5 to 1.5% by mass Cr, 0.05 to 0.5% by mass Zr and the balance being Cu and  
unavoidable impurities,  
casting said molten bath to product a solidified article,  
forming the solidified article into a predetermined shape, and

precipitation strengthening the article by aging for precipitation and forgoing or rolling at a temperature in excess of 100 °C and less than 550 °C.